Allotment of Employees between U.R and Uttaranchal

139. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the State of Uttaranchal has referred certain disputed issues to Central Government for decision with regard to matter of allotment of employees between the State of Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of such cases alongwith the steps taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No such reference has been received from the Government of Uttaranchal.

(b) Does not arise.

Co-Ordination Committee to Deal Naxal Menace

140. SHRI VAJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) to (c) whether the Co-ordination Committee on Naxal-affected States headed by Union Home Secretary, formed about five years back has made any recommendation and evolved common strategies to effectively deal with naxal menace;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether their implementation resulted in denting the lethal infliction of Naxal attacks; and

(c) what are the long-term plans, both political and strategic, to gradually eliminate naxal activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Keeping in view the overall dimensions of the left wing extremism, a Coordination Centre headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the States to check extremist activities. So far 13 meetings of the Coordination Centre have taken place, the last being at Bhubaneshwar on November 21, 2003. Several important decisions have been taken. These include long term deployment of Central Para-Military Forces, streamlining of gathering and sharing of actionable intelligence, need for institutionalized mechanisms to enable intelligence

based coordinated and sustained anti-naxalite operations, surrender and rehabilitation policies for surrendered extremists, integrated development of the naxalite affected districts, modernization and training of the State Police forces and raising of Local Resistance Groups against the naxalited.

As a long term plan, the Government has adopted a multipronged approach to tackle the problem of left wing extremism by removing all the shortcomings in intelligence gathering and sharing and for mounting well coordinated anti-naxalite operations as well as laying greater emphasis on developing the physical and social infrastructure in the LWE affected districts.

Achievement under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme

141. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the envisaged objectives under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) have been achieved after utilizing Rs. 15,000 crores released by Government during the last two years;

(b) if so, whether these achievements have resulted in reduction of cash losses by the State Electricity Board and also generation of more power; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The main objective of the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) is to strengthen and upgrade the sub-transmission and distribution network and to reduce commercial losses. Government of India has sanctioned projects worth Rs.15,641.72 crores APDRP during 2002-03 and 2003-04. An amount of Rs.2265.26 crores has been released during the said period. Till November 15,2003, an amount of Rs.1871 crore has been utilized.

(b) and (c) APDRP is a scheme that among other things mandates the State Governments and state Utilities to achieve financial turnaround on the basis of improved efficiencies in transmission and distribution, reduced transmission and distribution losses, financial restructuring, tariff rationalization and reduction of expenditure.